



## Comments Requested for Special Ginseng Pesticide Registration

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MADISON – The public can comment until June 25 on proposed special local needs registration of a pesticide to be used to control diseases on ginseng.

The special registration proposed by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will allow growers to use Bravo Weather Stik® on "non-bearing" ginseng, or ginseng that is not ready for harvest in the current growing season, at a higher seasonal rate. The product is used to control *Alternaria* stem and leaf blight and gray mold.

Bravo Weather Stik ® contains the active ingredient *chlorothalonil* and is registered by Syngenta Crop Protection LLC, Greensboro, NC. It is registered for use on ginseng at a lower rate than this special registration would allow. The special registration would increase the application limit to 28 pints per acre per growing season on non-bearing ginseng. The current 16 pints allowed by the federal label is inadequate to protect the crop throughout the April-October growing season.

The preliminary environmental assessment indicates that the proposed amendment will not require a full environmental impact statement. This special pesticide registration will expire December 31, 2017.

For a copy of the assessment, contact Matt Sunseri, DATCP, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI, 53708-8911, 608-224-4547. It is available for review at the department Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 2811 Agriculture Dr., Madison, second floor. Comments received on or before 4:30 p.m., June 25, will become part of the preliminary environmental assessment record. Send comments to Matt Sunseri by mail at the above address or by email at [matthew.sunseri@wisconsin.gov](mailto:matthew.sunseri@wisconsin.gov).

The special registration process allows states to register additional uses of pesticide products without prior federal approval. It helps growers address local pest problems that cannot be adequately controlled by any available federally registered product. These problems include insect outbreaks, fungal diseases, and grasses and weeds that outcompete crops. Details about the special registration process are available at <http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Environment/pdf/SpecialRegistrationApplication.pdf>.

DATCP had previously authorized a similar request for Bravo Weather Stik ® for 2010-2011. The department has not received any reports of adverse effects from the previous special registration.

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